

## MINUTES



### **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**August 19-20, 1998  
San Diego, California**

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The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on August 19, 1998 at the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board Meeting Room, 1255 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, California.

The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present:     Robert Wolf, Chairman  
                             Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman  
                             Mary Berglund  
                             Gary Burke  
                             David Fleming  
                             Roger Kozberg  
                             Dana Reed

Members Absent:     Octavia Diener  
                             Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio  
                             Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened on August 20, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present:     Robert Wolf, Chairman  
                             Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman  
                             Mary Berglund  
                             Gary Burke  
                             Octavia Diener  
                             David Fleming  
                             Roger Kozberg  
                             Dana Reed

Members Absent:     Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio  
                             Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

The regular Commission meeting was recessed at 9:40 a.m. and a Closed Session (pursuant to Government code Section 1126(e)(1)) was convened to discuss pending litigation. The Closed Session adjourned and the regular Commission meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m. Chairman Wolf noted that the Commission had discussed litigation matters and that no decisions had been made.

#### **1. GENERAL MATTERS**

##### **1.(1)     Approval of Minutes for July 15-16, 1998 Meeting**

The minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

**1.(2) Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation**

The July 1998 List of Meetings for Compensation was presented for approval. Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the List. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

**1.(3) Consent Calendar**

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the following changes to the Consent Calendar:

- Item 2.3c Relinquishment Resolutions book item was corrected to reflect the correct numbers for the Relinquishment Resolutions (R-3369 through R-3374); the items were listed correctly on the agenda.
- Item 2.4b Resolutions of Necessity #C-17528, C-17534, and C-17539 were withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting.
- Item 2.4d Director's Deed #9 was withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting; the adjusted amount to be returned to the State was \$1,546,571.
- Item 2.5a Minor Project #10 was corrected to include "Postmile 18.4/20.0
- Item 2.5b(2) SHOPP Project #8 Agenda Vote List and Book Item attachment was corrected to read "In Laguna Beach, from Irvine Cove to El Moro School. Rehabilitate Roadway. Balance to PPNO 2298."
- Item 2.6c STIP Rail/Transit project #3 total allocation reduced to \$21,120,000; project #6 funding source on Agenda Vote List corrected to State Only; revised financial vote for this item is \$127,938,000.
- Item 2.7 Aeronautics Program projects listed on book item attachment that was inadvertently left out.

Chairman Wolf reported that Item 2.1e on the Potential Consent Calendar would be discussed and voted separately.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the Potential Consent Calendar Items which were Items 2.5b(1 and 3), and Item 2.5c(1) and noted minor changes to all 3 items.

Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve and add the Potential Consent Calendar changes to the Consent Calendar and to approve the Consent Calendar with the changes noted. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

**1.(4) Commission Reports**

Executive Director Remen presented the 1999 Meeting Schedule for approval. After discussion, Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the 1999 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

**1.(5) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report**

Chairman Wolf noted that there would not be a BT&H Report this month.

**1.(6) Caltrans Report**

Caltrans Director James van Loben Sels discussed staffing changes, the hiring of capital outlay support staff, and contracting out for seismic retrofit work.

**1.(7) Regional Agencies Report**

Regional Agencies Moderator Therese McMillan briefed the Commission on the activities of the Regional Agencies.

**1.(8) Presentation by Caltrans District 11, MTDB and SANDAG Regarding Local Transportation Programs**

The following individuals briefed the Commission on transportation programs in the San Diego area:

- Tom Larwin, MTDB
- Eric Pahlke, SANDAG
- Karen King, North County Transit Development Board
- Lee Hultgren, SANDAG
- Gary Gallegos, Caltrans

**2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS****2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals****2.1a. STIP/TCI Amendment for Action**

- 2.1a.(1) STIP/TCI Amendment 98S-1 - Action**  
Reprograms \$11,900,000 in FY 1996-97 and FY 2000-01 Flexible Congestion Relief (FCR) Program funds from the Whipple Avenue Grade Separation project to the Ralston Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Grade Separation, and Holly Street Grade Separation projects to be programmed in FY 1998-99. In addition, changes the applicant status for the FCR Program funds from the City of Redwood City to the Cities of Belmont and San Carlos. Also, modifies the project description for the "Harbor Boulevard Grade Separation" project programmed for \$600,000 in the FY 1997-98 TCI Program to "Ralston Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Grade Separation" project. The cities of Redwood City, Belmont and San Carlos are requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(2)** STIP/TCI Amendment 98S-3 - Action  
Deletes the LA Union Station Terminal Tower Interlocking Track and Signal Improvements project programmed in the FY 1997-98 TCI Program for \$1,250,000. This amendment also adds a San Diegan Corridor Ticket Vending Machines Project for \$1,250,000 in the 1998 STIP. Funding for the Ticket Vending Machine project is provided from vote savings on an Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) project on Route 99 in Merced County (PPNO 10-0551). This action reduces the FY 1997-98 TCI Program funding shortfall by \$1,250,000. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(3)** STIP/TCI Amendment 98S-2 - Action  
Revises the scope of the City of Fremont's Centerville Intercity Rail Station improvement project programmed in the FY 1996-97 TCI Program for \$300,000 by deleting the construction of an access route from the project, and reducing the programmed amount by \$60,000 to \$240,000. The Amendment exchanges the \$60,000 in FY 1996-97 TCI Program funds deprogrammed from the City of Fremont's project, with \$60,000 in FY 1997-98 TCI program funds from Sonoma County Transit District's Cloverdale Intermodal Transfer Facility project. The Amendment also adds a Centerville Intercity Rail Station project for the installation of a ticket vending machine, and construction of a bench and canopy for \$60,000 in the 1998 STIP. Funding for the new Centerville Intercity Rail Station project is provided from vote savings on an Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) project on Route 99 in Merced County (PPNO10-0551). This action reduces the FY 1997-98 TCI Program funding shortfall by \$60,000. The City of Fremont is requesting this amendment. (Consistent with concurrent allocation under Item 2.6a.)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.1b.** STIP Amendment for Notice

STIP Amendment 98S-4 - Notice  
Reprograms \$131,500 in Proposition 108 Bond funds programmed in FY 1991-92 for the purchase of right of way for the Saugus Mainline/Los Angeles County Corridor project to augment a project at the City of Santa Clarita's Newhall Intermodal Transportation Center project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the City of Santa Clarita are requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP Amendment and recommended that it be approved at the September 1998 meeting. Commissioner Reed recommended that the matter be placed on the September Consent Calendar.

Chairman Wolf requested that Caltrans verify the full cost of the Newhall Intermodal Transportation Center and identify the source of the local funds.

**ACTION: J. Nicholas**

**2.1c. TCI Amendments for Notice**

No Items This Month

**2.1d. Proposition 116 - Non Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments**

No Items This Month

**2.1e. Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments**  
Project Approval Amendment for \$500,000 to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the Metro Rail Red Line North Hollywood Extension.  
Resolution PA-98-16 Amending Resolutions PA-93-55, PA-94-05, PA-95-02, PA-96-31 and PA-98-08

Commissioner Reed recused himself from all discussion on this item and left the dais.

Deputy Director Robert Chung described the proposed project and recommended approval.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0-1 (Commissioner Diener was absent and Commissioner Reed abstained).

**2.2 Environmental Matters****2.2a. Comments on Document in Circulation**

No Items This Month

**2.2b. Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding**

- Route 1 in Mendocino County- Highway improvements between the Hare Creek Bridge and Manzanita Street in the City of Fort Bragg (Negative Declaration)  
Resolution E-99-1

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the alternatives and recommended approval.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the project for future consideration of funding. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Diener and Wolf were absent).

**2.2c.** Adoption of Findings on Final EIR for Route Adoption

- Routes 133, 241 and 261 in Orange County- The Eastern Transportation Corridor (Environmental Impact Report) Resolution E-99-2

The following proceedings relate to items 2.2c and 2.3a(1-3):

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the findings and recommended approval.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve items 2.2c, and 2.3a(1-3). Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Diener and Wolf were absent).

**2.2d.** Adoption of Findings and Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding

- Route 101 in San Luis Obispo County- Cuesta Grade improvement project (Environmental Impact Report) Resolution E-99-3

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the project and significant impacts and then recommended approval.

Commissioner Reed moved to adopt the findings and approve the project for future consideration of funding. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Diener and Wolf were absent).

**2.3** Highway Route Matters**2.3a.** Route Adoptions

- 2.3a.(1)** Adoption of a freeway (toll facility) location for Route 133 in the County of Orange from Kilometer Post 15.3 at Interstate 5 to Kilometer Post 21.9 at the Route 241 interchange. Resolution HRA 98-4
- 2.3a.(2)** Adoption of a freeway (toll facility) location for Route 261 in the County of Orange from Kilometer Post 0.0 at the Jamboree Road/Walnut Avenue interchange south of Interstate 5 to Kilometer Post 10.0 at the East Orange interchange with Route 241. Resolution HRA 98-5
- 2.3a.(3)** Adoption of a freeway (toll facility) location for Route 241 in the County of Orange from Kilometer Post 22.2 south of Oso Parkway to Kilometer Post 63.1 at State Route 91. Resolution HRA 98-6

Refer to Item 2.2c for proceedings related to Items 2.3a(1-3).

**2.3b.** New Public Road Connections

No Items This Month

**2.3c.** Six Relinquishment Resolutions

- 04-CC-680-13.8, Route 680 in the County of Contra Costa.  
Resolution R-3369
- 06-Fre-41-R20.7/R22.1 Route 41 in the City of Fresno.  
Resolution R-3370
- 06-Fre-43-7.9/9.0 Route 43 in the County of Fresno.  
Resolution R-3371
- 06-Ker-119-25.0/25.6 Route 119 in the County of Kern.  
Resolution R-3372
- 07-LA-91-2.5/5.0 Route 91 in the City of Torrance.  
Resolution R-3373
- 07-LA-210-18.5/18.7 Route 210 in the City of La Canada Flintridge.  
Resolution R-3374

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.3d.** Vacation Resolution

No Items This Month

**2.4** Highway Right of Way Matters**2.4a.** Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances

- 2.4a.(1)** Sandra M. Miller & Edith Dickstein, Trustees, et al.  
08-SBd-395-5.6  
C-17526

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway submitted the letter that the property owners had submitted in lieu of an appearance. Chairman Wolf polled the audience and determined that there were no individuals who wished to be heard on this matter.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion. Chairman Wolf ordered a roll call vote. The motion carried 8-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Berglund, Burke, Diener, Fleming, Kozberg, Reed, Sylvester, Wolf (8)

NOES: None (0)

**2.4a.(2)** Bradley J. Huber, et al.  
08-SBd-395-5.6  
C-17527

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reported that the property owner was not present for the hearing. Chairman Wolf polled the audience and determined that there were no individuals who wished to be heard on this matter. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion. Chairman Wolf ordered a roll call vote. The motion carried 8-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Berglund, Burke, Diener, Fleming, Kozberg, Reed, Sylvester, Wolf (8)

NOES: None (0)

**2.4b.** 9 Resolutions of Necessity  
C-17529 Through C-17533  
C-17535 Through C-17538

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.4c.** Airspace Lease Direct Negotiation (Sole Source Lease)

- 11-Imp-86  
Rivera Vineyards

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.4d.** Director's Deeds

- Items #1 Through 8  
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$1,546,571  
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5** Highway Financial Matters

**2.5a.** Financial Vote for Minor Projects. Ten Minor Projects totaling \$4,391,000.  
Resolution FP-98-08

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.5b.** Financial Vote for STIP/SHOPP/Toll Bridge/TSM/TEA Projects on the State Highway System.

**2.5b.(1)** Five STIP Projects totaling \$66,709,000  
plus \$942,000 in Local Contributions.  
Resolution FP-98-11

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.



- 2.5b.(2)** Eight SHOPP Projects totaling \$21,265,000.  
Resolution FP-98-12

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(3)** Four SHOPP Projects Amended into the  
SHOPP by Department Action totaling \$21,406,000.  
Resolution FP-98-13

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(4)** One Toll Bridge Project in San Diego at the San Diego-Coronado  
Bay Bridge for \$590,000.  
Resolution FP-98-14

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.** Financial Vote for STIP/TSM/EEM/TEA Projects off the State  
Highway System

- 2.5c.(1)** Six Local (RIP) projects totaling \$5,452,690.  
Resolution FP-98-15

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(2)** Three Local TEA projects totaling \$933,000 plus \$1,348,000  
in Contributions from Others.  
Resolution FP-98-16

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(3)** Two Local EEM projects totaling \$290,390 in State funds  
plus \$1,707,600 in Contributions from Others.  
Resolution FP-98-17

EEM Program Manager Rick Gumz reviewed the projects and recommended approval.

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the projects. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

- 2.5d.** Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent  
of Program Amount

No Items This Month

**2.5e.** Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects.  
Two Projects totaling \$1,459,500.  
Resolution FA-98-02

- 01-Men-1 - Minor Project in Mendocino County on Route 1. Original vote \$ 195,000. \$22,200 to award. \$27,000 and a supplemental vote of \$5,400 for a current allocation of \$249,600. This request of \$46,500 to pay prearbitration settlement, for a grand total of \$296,100. 52 Percent increase over vote.
- 02-Sha-5 - SHOPP Project in Shasta County on Route 5. Original vote \$4,700,000. This request of \$1,413,000 to allow award, for a grand total of \$6,113,000. 30 Percent increase over vote.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the projects and explained the need for supplemental funds.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the supplemental funds. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

**2.5f.** Emergency Allocations

**2.5f.(1)** Informational Report - Emergency G-11 Allocations  
Eight Projects totaling \$11,004,000. Plus Twelve Additional  
Emergency Projects Totaling \$8,405,600.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the Emergency G-11 allocations and the twelve additional emergency projects approved by the Department after the preparation of the August 1998 meeting material.

**2.5f.(2)** Informational Report - Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations  
Two Projects totaling \$46,832,000.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 allocations. During the discussion of this item, the Commission asked Caltrans to present at the September meeting a full cost comparison of rehabilitation, seismic retrofit and operations of the Schuyler Heim Bridge versus the construction of a new facility with the stipulations that full costing should include support and operations costs of the remaining estimated life-time of the rehabilitated bridge, as well as the support costs absent any ongoing operational costs, as well as the life expectancy of a new facility and provide similar cost comparison of retrofit versus replacement for all remaining high cost seismic projects.

**ACTION: J. Nicholas**

- 2.5g.** Allocation of \$140,000,000 to Department of Transportation for remainder of FY 1998-99 Right of Way Program.  
Resolution FM-99-03

Denny Shields, Caltrans, discussed the allocation request and recommended approval. The Commission asked Caltrans and Commission staff to develop a reporting structure to relate right-of-way support expenditures with right-of-way support programming.

**ACTION: D. Shields/D. Brewer**

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the allocation. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Diener and Reed were absent).

**2.6** Mass Transportation Financial Matters

- 2.6a.** Financial Vote for TCI Program Projects. Two Local TCI Projects totaling \$476,500.  
Resolution MFP-98-02

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.6b.** Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Projects

**2.6b.(1)** Local Proposition 116 Rail Projects

No Items This Month

**2.6b.(2)** State Proposition 116 Rail Projects

No Items This Month

**2.6b.(3)** Two Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Projects for \$524,000

- \$104,000 to Redding Area Rural Bus Authority for Mt. Shasta Mall Transit Center.  
Resolution BFP-98-08
- \$420,000 to County of Sutter for the Sutter Community Bikeway.  
Resolution BFP-98-09

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6c.** Financial Vote for sixteen (16) STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling \$127,938,000.  
Resolution MFP-98-03

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.6d.** Financial Vote for Multiple Program Funded Projects

No Items This Month

**2.6e.** Allocation Amendment for Proposition 116 Projects

No Items This Month

**2.6f.** SB 2800 Advance Local Match Requests

No Items This Month

**2.7** Aeronautics Financial Matters

- Allocation of \$1,152,000 for FY 1998/99 California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) funds for three projects from the 1998 Aeronautics Program. Resolution FDOA-98-7
  - County of Los Angeles - Compton Airport in Los Angeles County \$500,000 - Overlay Runway 7R/25L and Reconstruct Shoulders
  - County of Los Angeles - Gen. Wm. J. Fox Field Airport in Los Angeles County \$382,000 - Reconstruct and Slurry Seal Runway and Taxiway
  - County of Los Angeles - Brackett Field Airport in Los Angeles County \$270,000 - Overlay South Parallel Taxiway Area

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

**2.8** Waiver of Commission Policy

- Request for waiver to Commission Resolution #G-92-14, Guidelines for the Deferral of the Commission's Proportional Expenditure of State Funds Policy, approved July 14, 1992, from the City of Folsom for the American River Bridge at Lake Natoma project.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the waiver request from the City of Folsom and recommended approval. Will Kempton, representing the City of Folsom, also recommended approval. Chairman Wolf asked if the City of Folsom would reimburse the State for interest lost on the state highway funds being advanced and Mr. Kempton agreed to reimburse the State for lost interest.

Commissioner Fleming moved to approve the waiver request subject to agreement to pay interest and to share any cost savings proportionate with the State. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

- 2.9** Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions
- 2.9(1)** Resolution MFP-97-09. Originally approved October 30, 1997, in the amount of \$1,900,000 to Placer County Transportation Planning Agency for the Placer County Track and Signal Improvements. Change fund from State Highway Account (SHA) to Transportation Planning and Development Account (TPDA). Change Budget Year from 1995-96 to Budget Year 1997-98. Change Item and Program codes from 301-042 to 101-046. This technical amendment is necessary to close FY 1997-98. If SHA authority exists, the Department will return in September to transfer the funding source for eligible TCI projects.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(2)** Resolution MFP-97-11. Originally approved October 30, 1997, in the amount of \$2,280,000 to the City of Martinez for the Martinez Intermodal Facility - Phase II. Change fund from State Highway Account (SHA) to Transportation Planning and Development Account (TPDA). Change Budget Year from 1995-96 to Budget Year 1997-98. Change Item and Program codes from 301-042 to 101-046. This technical amendment is necessary to close FY 1997-98. If SHA authority exists, the Department will return in September to transfer the funding source for eligible TCI projects.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(3)** Resolution MFP-97-12. Originally approved October 30, 1997, in the amount of \$29,081,000 to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BARTD) for the San Francisco International Airport Extension. Change fund from State Highway Account (SHA) to Transportation Planning and Development Account (TPDA). Change Item and Program codes from 101-042 to 102-046. This technical amendment is necessary to close FY 1997-98. Necessary to accommodate a change book item added during the 1997-98 Budget approval process.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(4)** Resolution MFP-97-24. Originally approved October 30, 1997, in the amount of \$919,000 to the Southern California Rail Authority for the Newhall Station Access Road and Siding. Change fund from State Highway Account (SHA) to Transportation Planning and Development Account (TPDA). Change Item and Program codes from 101-042 to 102-046. This technical amendment is necessary to close FY 1997-98. Necessary to accommodate a change book item added during the 1997-98 Budget approval process.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(5)** Resolution BFP-97-29. Originally approved May 6, 1998, in the amount of \$206,000 to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the construction of the Van Nuys Platform Extension. Change Program year from 1997-98 to Program Year 1992-93. Correct Section 2.1 of Resolution from Proposition 116 to Proposition 108.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

### **3. PROGRAM STATUS**

#### **3.1 Caltrans Monthly FY 1997-98 Finance Report**

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented the FY 1997-98 Monthly Finance Report, noting a State Highway Account Balance of \$1.9 billion at the end of May with most program expenditures at 70-85% levels for the year. The Commission asked her to provide a final FY 1997-98 close-out report and accounting by categories including state operations.

**ACTION: J. Borucki**

#### **3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded**

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the status of eleven projects previously voted but not awarded.

#### **3.3 Caltrans Quarterly Report – Fourth Quarter, FY 1997-98 Close-out**

Jack Boda, Caltrans, presented the FY 1997-98 Fourth Quarter Close-out Report. The following actions items resulted from the Commissioners' discussion:

- Further explore opportunities and constraints on using direct payouts versus reimbursements for grant projects with a report back at the September Commission meeting.

**ACTION: J. Borucki/R. Remen**

- Report back to Commissioner Berglund whether San Diego Route 125 toll road environmental document is included in statistics for environmental delivery.

**ACTION: J. Boda**

- Develop options for portraying the cash balance to better represent available resources (e.g. unencumbered balances).

**ACTION: J. Borucki**

**4. POLICY MATTERS****4.1 State Legislative Matters**

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham reviewed the status of bills and discussed the staff analyses for AB 1686, AB 1702, and SB 567. Commissioner Berglund moved to adopt a "support" position for AB 1702 and SB 567 and an "as amended support" position on AB 1686. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent). Staff was directed to send letters to the bills' authors informing them of the Commission's actions.

**ACTION: C. Oldham**

**4.2 Report on August 18-19, 1998 Workshop on STIP Guidelines and 2000 STIP**

Chairman Wolf discussed the Workshop on the STIP Guidelines and 2000 STIP. The Commissioners discussed the workshop and directed staff to schedule in conjunction with the February Commission meeting a follow-on workshop to the one held on August 18-19, 1998.

**ACTION: R. Remen**

**4.3 Presentation of Caltrans' June 1998 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan**

Allan Hendrix, Caltrans, briefed the Commission on the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan reviewing the elements of the Plan, performance measures, intercity rail, and goods movement. The Commission directed Caltrans/Regional Agency/Commission staff to continue the collaborative effort to develop the Plan.

**ACTION: A. Hendrix/T. McMillan/S. White/P. Hathaway**

**4.4 Hearing and Adoption of FY 1998-99 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transit Program Resolution G-98-15**

Program Manager Rick Gumz presented an overview of the FTA Elderly and Disabled Transit Program and discussed a biennial adoption cycle. The Commission supported the idea of pursuing a biennial adoption cycle and directed him to move ahead in developing a specific proposal to put a biennial program cycle in place for the Program.

**ACTION: R. Gumz**

Chairman Wolf polled the audience to determine if there were any individuals who wished to be heard on this item. There were none.

Commissioner Reed moved to adopt the staff recommendations as set forth in Resolution G-98-15. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Berglund and Diener were absent).

**4.5** Staff Recommendations and Adoption of FY 1998-99 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Resolution G-98-16

EEM Program Manager Rick Gumz summarized the 1998-99 EEM Program recommendations and discussed issues about land acquisition projects with proposed budget reductions and the Coal Canyon project.

Secretary of Resources Agency Doug Wheeler discussed the Coal Canyon project and the issues surrounding it.

Tom Story, City of San Diego, discussed the Carmel Mountain project.

The Commissioners discussed the staff recommendations. The following actions items resulted from the discussion:

- Schedule for the February Commission meeting the status of full funding package for Coal Canyon.

**ACTION: R. Gumz/C. Willard**

- Secure from the City of San Diego a full application for the new Carmel Mountain project. Evaluate the application and rank it relative to other 1998-99 applications to determine its programming and funding status.

**ACTION: R. Gumz/Resources Agency Staff**

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve Resolution G-98-16, adopting the 1998-99 EEM Program as recommended by Commission staff with conditional programming for the Coal Canyon and Carmel Mountain projects. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

**4.6** Discussion and Approval of Federal TEA Program Design

Chairman Wolf explained a proposed TEA Program design that had been developed at the Commission's workshop and discussed how the program would complement and impact the various transportation programs in the State.

Chief Deputy Hathaway discussed concerns raised by the Regional Agencies and the TEA Advisory Committee.

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, said the new proposal from the workshop addressed the main regional concerns but wanted an opportunity for the regions to react at the September Commission meeting after they had more time to consider the proposed TEA Program design.

The following individuals presented testimony on the federal TEA Program design:

- Scott White, Rural Counties Task Force
- Michael O'Connell, Nature Conservancy
- Gloria Ohland, Surface Transportation Policy Project
- Laura Cohen, Rails to Trails Conservancy
- Gary Lee Moore, City of Los Angeles
- Jennifer Green, Trust for Public Land



- Ginger Gherardi, Ventura County Transportation Commission
- Vic Kamhi, LACMTA
- Tom Story, City of San Diego
- Michael Beck, Endangered Habitats League

During the discussion, staff was directed to revise the TEA proposal for presentation and responses at the September Commission meeting.

**ACTION: R. Remen/P. Hathaway/D. Brewer**

**4.7 Draft Policy on Front Loading of State/Federal Share of Joint State/Local Projects**

Chief Deputy Director Hathaway reviewed the recent history of front loading requests and the need to develop a policy for future requests. He also reviewed the benefits of front loading to the State and the Regional Agencies and three options for the policy application. Regional Agencies Moderator Therese McMillan noted that earlier delivery and resultant savings could comprise a real project and program benefit in some cases.

After discussing the options, the Commission directed staff to prepare a specific proposed framework for allowing selected front-loading of state shares in joint funded projects, including provisions for reimbursement of foregone interest and guarantees that the State's ultimate share will remain proportionate to its original commitment.

**ACTION: P. Hathaway**

**4.8 Report on County Share Balances**

Deputy Director David Brewer presented the report on County Share Balances as required by SB 45 and reviewed the summary pages of the report. Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to accept the report. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Diener were absent).

**4.9 Report on Delegated Director's Deed Sales for FY 1997-98**

Steve Ikeda, Caltrans, reviewed the statistics for delegated Director's Deed Sales. The Commission accepted the report without comment.

**4.10 Status Report on FY 1997-98 Transit Capital Improvement Programming Shortfall**

David Cabrera, Caltrans, reviewed five options for reducing the remaining TCI balance shortfall of \$2.3 million and recommended Option 1. The Commission indicated that Option 1 seemed to be a reasonable approach for dealing with the shortfall

**5. MODAL ISSUES****5.1 Rail**

Craig House, Caltrans, presented a status report on NCRA and discussed NCRA's Single Audit, potential funding sources for NCRA, Caltrans' independent analysis of Railways, Inc.'s business plan to operate the North Coast RR for NCRA, meeting environmental compliance, and the FRA compliance order.

Diane Eidam, Caltrans, discussed the audit of NCRA and the status of corrective actions needed to resolve the Department's audit findings.

Allan Hendrix, Caltrans, discussed the environmental concerns about the Eel River Canyon and the status of NCRA's corrective actions to resolve the environmental violations.

No action was taken on this informational item.

**5.2 Highways**

No Items This Month

**6. OTHER MATTERS**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Robert I. Remen, Executive Director